

# Joshua Tree National Park



## Ranger Programs

October 1, 2015 - January 31, 2016

Discover Joshua Tree with free guided walks, talks, and evening programs given by park rangers and volunteers. Learn how humans, wildlife, and vegetation have adapted to survive in the desert, and how geologic forces have shaped this arid land.

Programs start promptly at the times noted below, so arrive a few minutes early to allow time for parking. Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Programs take place outdoors, but may be canceled or moved inside during inclement weather or if there is a danger of lightning.

Please bring a hat, wear sunscreen, and carry plenty of water with you. For evening programs, bring warm layers and a flashlight.

Program	Meeting Location	Duration, Distance	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
<b>Footsteps of the Past</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Explore how humans have learned to live in harmony with the desert.	Barker Dam parking area	1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)					9:00 am		
<b>Joshua Tree Rocks!</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Examine the geology of this remarkable area.	Skull Rock parking area	1-1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)						9:00 am	
<b>Mastodon Peak Hike</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Discover the early mining history of the park.	Cottonwood Springs parking lot	2 hours 3 mi (4.8 km)							9:00 am
<b>Cottonwood Canyon Walk</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Explore Cottonwood Canyon on a nature walk.	Mile Marker 33, south of the Cottonwood Visitor Center; park in roadside pullouts	45 minutes 1 mile (1.6 km)						9:00 am	
<b>Cholla Garden Chat</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Drop by for casual conversation with a ranger. Bring your questions about the Cholla Cactus Garden and the Pinto Basin.	Cholla Cactus Garden	drop-in							9:00 am - 10:30 am
<b>"I Speak for the Trees" Walk</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Take a walk with a ranger and discover the park's namesake.	Cap Rock Nature Trail	1 hour 0.4 mi (0.6 km)	2:00 pm						9:00 am
<b>Patio Talk</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Ranger's choice! Learn about one of many fascinating aspects of the park.	Oasis Visitor Center	15-30 min	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
	Joshua Tree Visitor Center	15-30 min	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am	10:00 am
	Cottonwood Visitor Center	15-30 min	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
<b>Conversation with a Ranger</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Join a ranger for an interactive discussion about an issue facing the park.	Oasis of Mara Visitor Center	1 hour						2:00 pm	2:00 pm
<b>Oasis Walk</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Explore the history and ecology of a desert oasis.	Oasis of Mara Visitor Center	1-1.5 hours 0.5 mi (0.8 km)			3:00 pm				
<b>Story Time with a Ranger</b> <i>November 1 - January 24</i> Especially for families with young children! Join a ranger for a read-aloud story about an aspect of the desert.	Joshua Tree Visitor Center	30 min							3:00 pm
<b>Keys Ranch Tour</b> <i>October 11 - January 31</i> Explore the colorful story and numerous artifacts of this premier historical site. <b>Reservations are required.</b> Tickets must be purchased at least 24 hours in advance. You may purchase tickets by phone at 760-367-5522, or in person at the Joshua Tree and Oasis Visitor Centers. Adults (12 & up) \$10; Senior Pass or Access Pass holders \$5; children ages 6-11 \$5; children under 6 free.	Keys Ranch Gate	1.5 hours 0.5 mi (0.8 km)	10:00 am					2:00 pm	2:00 pm
<b>Evening Program</b> Relax beneath the stars and enjoy a presentation about the park's fascinating natural or cultural history. Check at a visitor center for topics.	Jumbo Rocks Campground Amphitheater <i>October 1 - January 31</i>	45 min						7:00 pm	7:00 pm
	Cottonwood Campground Amphitheater <i>October 1 - January 31</i>	45 min						7:00 pm	7:00 pm
	Black Rock Canyon Nature Center <i>November 1 - December 31</i>	45 min						7:00 pm	7:00 pm
<b>Full Moon Hike</b> <i>see specific dates at right</i> Explore the park after dark with a ranger. <b>Reservations are required.</b> Space is limited based on number of vehicles; carpooling is strongly encouraged. Make reservations by calling 760-367-5522.	Meeting time and location will be disclosed when you make your reservation.	1.5 hours 1 mi (1.6 km)	Dec. 27	Oct. 26	Nov. 24	Nov. 25			Dec. 26